



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

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May 14, 2023—Sixth Sunday of Easter

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30 am
Monday5:30 pm
Tuesday.....Adoration5:00 pm
 Mass.....5:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowskey.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
 sjrp2601@gmail.com
Office hours vary, call or email with questions

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

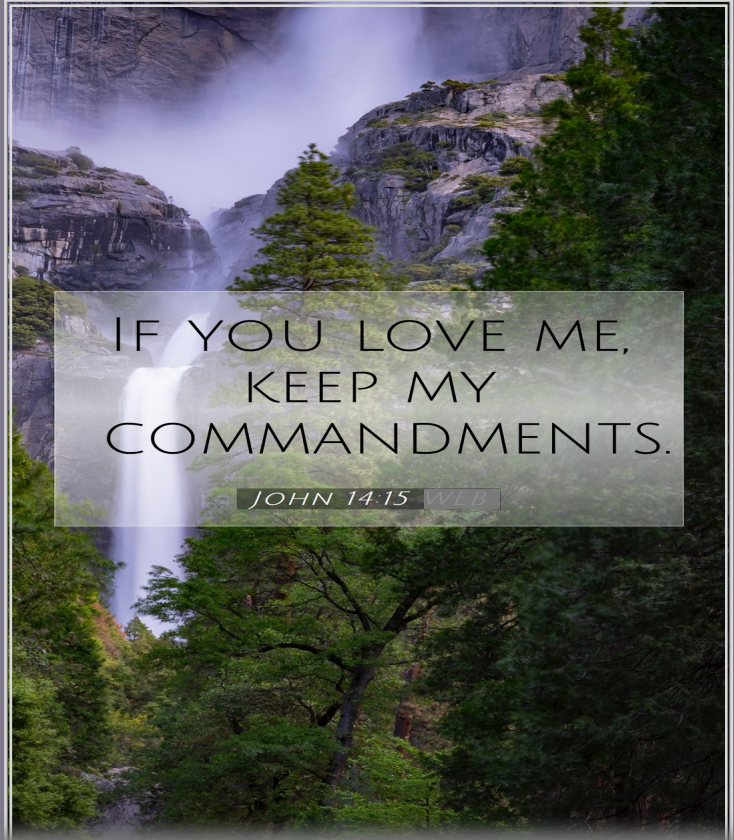
- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
 (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Fr Biju also serves

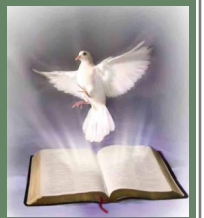
St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

Adoration: Wednesday7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM
 Sunday.....10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday....8:00 AM
 Friday8:00 AM



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, The Spirit of truth...



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep
Teresa Brown,
Lori Clements -PCCW Rep
Stan Clements
Ann Degenhardt
Terry Dickman-Finance Council Rep
Bob Kotek
Bill Weber-Secretary
Stacy Burns-CRE
Paula Silha-CRE

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess-Secretary
Terry Dickman
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds) and Cemetery Rep
Barb Braun
Dan Steiger

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinators:
Stacy Burns and Paula Silha

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Jill Murphy-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds

Dave Brown ...608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net
Rick Meyer

'Thank you' for your time and talent to support our parish.

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 13

~ 4:00 pm Mass—† Curtis Strittmater (CS)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 14

~ 8:30 am Mass †George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, May 15

~ 5:30 pm Mass - NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 16

~ 5:00 pm NO ADORATION

~ 5:30 PM—NO MASS

THURSDAY, May 17

~ 8:30 am Mass - †Marie Meyer

and Fr Bob Hegenbarth (R&DK)

SATURDAY, May 20

~ 4:00 pm Mass—† John, Bernice, Steve and

Sam Mashak (J&SM)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 21

~ 8:30 am Mass - †Stan Hundt (S&SM)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **May 14**—Mother’s Day
- **May 15 & 16**—NO MASSes
- **May 21** —Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
(transferred from May 18th)
- **May 29**—Memorial Day
- **May 30**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting



~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

No Adoration—Tuesday, May 16th

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
 - Ask for Intercession
 - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour
 - Write a Prayer Journal
 - Read the Scriptures
 - Pray Spontaneously
 - Ask the Saints for help
- Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!*

*** Anointing of the Sick**

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month or contact Fr. Biju directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

*** Confession**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment .
Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.

*** Mass Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes :	\$ 2,053.00
Plate collection:	\$ 332.45
DCCW :	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 2,405.45



T H A N K Y O U

 Inspired <small>BY THE SPIRIT</small> DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE	5 Year Goal	\$140,000.00
	Pledged as of (5/8/2023)	\$44,000.00
Remaining Balance		\$96,000.00
Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023 Goal:		\$22,320.00
Amount received applied to Diocesan:		\$5,750.00
Remaining balance of 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal:		\$16,570.00

The Inspired by the Spirit campaign will include this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal.
We prayerfully ask to pledge as you are able.

FROM THE PASTOR



Blessed Mothers' Day!

MARY,
HOLY MOTHER
PRAY for US!



Sixth Sunday of Easter



Happy Mother's Day!!!

Mother's Day is typically about honoring and remember our mothers. How fitting as we Catholics celebrate Mother's Day in the Month of May, Month of Mary! On Mother's Day we honor all our earthly mothers, living and deceased who have given us birth and raised us. Truly our most precious and intimate moments of

our life-existence are bound to our mothers. In our veins flow the blood that binds and knits us so closely to our mothers. But the day can bring up mixed emotions, anxieties, and a sense of isolation for those whose mother has died. For women who've had a child die, Mother's Day may hold painful associations.

Let us use this day to honor and remember all the relationships we have with the women in our lives who are important to us, both young and old, alive and dead. They may have come to us in the form of mothers/step-mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, wives/partners, girlfriends, friends, colleagues, mentors, coaches, daughters, nieces, and granddaughters. Can you identify at least three women who have played or currently play a significant role in your life? What three things do you most admire/respect/cherish? What are you grateful for? Can you thank God for the gift of those unique people in your lives?

We have begun *Our Inspired by the Spirit* campaign with \$44,000 pledged which is 31.43% for St Joseph Parish. This week you may have already received your brochure which explains the projects of the church envisioned by the finance council. Please take a few moments to read the case statement. Take a moment this week to prayerfully consider this invitation and what giving level would be appropriate for your family. I understand that each family has distinct financial obligations and circumstances. Please know that every pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated! I ask that you kindly submit your pledge commitment by 18th of May 2023 or at the earliest. By June the campaign offices will close for this year. Every pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated! Many thanks for your prayers, participation, and support!

Happy Mother's Day!!!

May the good Lord bless you all

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS



Gentle Woman quiet light, morning star,
so strong and bright, Gentle Mother peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom, teach us love!

PARISH NEWS



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of May 14: Eucharist means THANKSGIVING. When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us – the greatest Gift possible. When receiving Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Jesus Christ and then we give heartfelt thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life with Himself in Heaven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit.

This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9

~ Rosary Book Club

May is the Month of the Rosary. We are offering a book study on *The Secret of the Rosary* by St. Louis De Montfort. People will gather at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Mondays starting May 15 or at St. Patrick's Church on Thursdays starting May 18.

Register online at www.stpatsonalaska.com or contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 or at amy_capelli@charter.net

If you do not have this book, it will be available at St. Patrick's Parish and Blessed Sacrament for \$4.00. Please contact Amy Capelli about book questions.

~Eucharistic Congress 2023—This is My Body—
June 10th 10:00-5:00—Mankato, MN

At Mankato Civic Center Grand Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN Join thousands of Catholics as we rejoice in the Lord through a Eucharistic Procession, Mass, speakers, music and more.

Contact: eucharist.dowr.org Cost \$35.00

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of paper towels, baby wipes, diapers size 4-6 including pull-ups, hearty soups, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit/applesauce, complete meals kits, bottled water, dish soap. Items can be dropped off at 508 South 5th Ave La Crosse, Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm. We appreciate your support!



~Song of the Angels: A Concert of Marian Music

On May 28, at 3pm, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will present a concert of Sacred Music in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary titled, Song of the Angels. Music of many periods in history will be represented, played by strings, trumpet, organ, marimba, and sung by choir and soloists. Admission is free and open to all.

~March for Life. The 3rd annual March for Life Wisconsin is fast approaching! This year, pro-lifers all across the state will be gathering on Saturday, June 24th in Madison WI, to peacefully and prayerfully march for an end to abortion in our world. Can you please promote this historic event to your parishioners? You can find more details on our website at: <https://www.proflife.org/marchforlife>.

~5 Day Youth Choir Camp June 19-23

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18). The camp will include studying elements of music and practicing tuning, rounds, Gregorian chant, hymns, and the chanting of Psalms. Register your children for a week of singing and fun! Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org

~Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, visit wwme.org, call 563.920.9419 or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left for more information. The next weekend is Sept. 22-24 in Dubuque, IA.



An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

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R H S A M A R I A E
E N A M E O C W H J
A L Y M S S O O A O
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W R R E C E I V E D
N I E S P I R I T T

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the

**St. Isidore ~ The Farmer
May 15th**



Prayer to St. Isidore ~ Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain

for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do, and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- For Gerald Kneifl as he is now receiving Hospice care and strength for his family during this difficult time.
- For all Mothers, thank you for your guidance and unending love. May you receive blessings of the Heavenly Father's love today and always.
- For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- That the Lord may strengthen the bonds of love of all families in this faith community
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship
- For the pope, bishops, and priests, may the Holy Spirit deepen their knowledge, understanding, and love of Christ.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com